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WHEREAS, Men of all races, creeds and places have long marked each annual harvest with appropriate ceremonies expressing gratitude for the bounty of land and sea and joy in the security of plenty; and,

WHEREAS, Since time immemorial bread has symbolized all food as well as man's dependence upon the soil, the rain, the sun, the seasons, the science of agriculture, and the benign forces of nature; and,

WHEREAS, Among modern peoples and nations of the world a Harvest Festival or a Day of Bread celebration, or both, have become entrenched in religious, family, local, community or regional custom, as holiday periods:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1st through the 7th as

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEK

and Tuesday, October 2, as

DAY OF BREAT

in the State of South Dakota, and do urge all citizens of our State to give thanks for the bounty of our land that strengthens and sustains us and to observe these events in suitable fashion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 28th day of August, in the Year Of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE